

REMARKS:

Claims 1-6 and 10-27 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6, 10, 12-21, and 23-27 are rejected, and claims 11 and 22 are allowed. By this amendment, claims 1-6, 10, 12-21, and 23-27 are cancelled, thus leaving allowed claims 11 and 22 in the application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1437, referencing Attorney Docket No.: 7589.187.PCUS00.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner may directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

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